

WHITTINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINARY meeting of Whittingham Parish Council took place on **12th February 2018** at 7.15pm at **Whittingham Sports & Social Club**.

Members:

Cllr Alan Lewis - Chairman
Cllr Dave Hall
Cllr Bernard Huggon,
Cllr Stan Hunter,
Cllr Margaret Rigby

Members of the public

Cllr Lona Smith Preston City Council

Mrs Julie Buttle – Parish Clerk.

APOLOGIES – Cllr Alex Meades (Cllr Harry Landless)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th January 2018.

MIN 126 it was RESOLVED that the January Council Minutes be signed as a true record.

TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

MIN 127 Cllr Hall and Cllr Rigby declared a personal interest in the discussion regarding Whittingham Road utility works as it is in close proximity to their properties.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MIN 128 It was RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for public participation.

Cllr Smith confirmed that under the Boundary Commission's changes, Whittingham will be represented by Preston Rural East. Some ward boundaries will be altered and each ward will be represented by 3 Councillors. To accommodate the changes, all Councillors will need to stand for re-election in May 2019. In addition, the Chief Executive is leaving the authority. The City Council conceded that they do not have a 5 year housing supply and withdrew from an appeal at Broughton which means the rural areas are again at risk from 'inappropriate' planning applications.

The enforcement section has been asked to investigate the lights which have been erected round the fishing lake development at Halfpenny Lane.

It was stated that contractors from the site are parking on the road in front of the site leaving pedestrians no option but to walk in the middle of the road, which is overly busy due to the diversion from Whittingham Road. The Clerk stated that as it is a small site, there is unlikely to be a construction method statement detailing where contractors should park, however, enquiries will be made with planning including who is responsible for reinstating the grass verges. A pothole was also reported opposite Halfpenny Lane Farm.

ROAD WORKS ON WHITTINGHAM ROAD / INGLEWHITE ROAD

Members noted that Migoe, the contractors responsible for the roadworks have not provided a regular update as promised at the last meeting nor have they replied to a specific request for more information. Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of professionalism and agreed there was no point inviting them back to a future meeting if they don't follow through on the promises made. Residents are fed up with the works and just want them completed so that the signs and barriers can be removed. The lighting around the site entrance is still appalling. Flashing battery lights were added to the barriers but these no longer work, leaving the site dark and dangerous. **MIN 129** It was RESOLVED that Migoe should be requested to improve the situation as they will be liable, if they ignore the request and an accident occurs.

CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE COUNCIL

Note - Members are advised prior to the meeting that applications can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk.

06/2017/1471 Single storey rear extension at Springfield, Cumeragh Lane, Preston

MIN 130 Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

06/2018/0002 Outline planning application for 7no. dwellings (all matters reserved) on land north of Inglewhite Road, Preston

Members were informed that the application is for 7 properties along the northern frontage of Inglewhite Road which is in an area of open countryside. Members stated that the site affords lovely views to Bowland Fell which will be obscured if development goes ahead.

Members agree with the Planning Statement in that the Ridings site will provide a mixture of 2, 3, and 4 bedroomed properties but Members dispute the statement that *there is a need for executive housing as an alternative to the mainstream development* because permission has been granted for executive 4 and 5 bedroomed properties on Halfpenny Lane.

MIN 131 Members RESOLVED to oppose the application as it is ribbon development which will urbanise the character of Inglewhite Road. Members feel the proposal is contrary to Core Strategy Policy 1 and policies AD 1 and EN 1 of the adopted Local Plan.

06/2018/0085 1no. dwelling on land to rear of, 37 Halfpenny Lane.

Members noted that as the site has outline approval, the principle of development has already been established. **MIN 132** Members RESOLVED to leave to planning.

Holme Fell – Members considered the initial advice note from the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of a Judicial Review in relation to the Holme Fell decision.

MIN 133 Members note that the Solicitor feels that it is worth seeking Counsel's opinion and RESOLVED that the Clerk establish the costs associated with this.

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PROPOSALS

Members noted that the City Council is proposing a 2.99% increase in Council Tax and a 5% increase in cemetery and crematorium fees as part of its 2018/19 budget proposals.

MIN 134 Members RESOLVED to respond to the consultation by stating that they understand the financial pressures that ALL public sector bodies are facing – especially as the Parish Council has had to increase its precept as a result of the green space contribution requested by the City Council. However, since the 4year budget commenced, many new properties have been built. With this in mind, Members wish to know

a) How many new homes have been in built since 2016 and how much income has been generated through new homes bonus? Is any of the income allocated to the areas affected by new homes or is it just added to the overall income of the City Council?

b) Given the amount of new homes occupied, how much income has been generated through additional Council Tax since 2016.

c) According to the annual CIL reports during the Budget Plan period, the City Council has received £3,928,402 in CIL monies and it has passed £2,748,452 to LCC as a contribution towards items on the Regulation 123 list. Members wish to know how the money passed to LCC is monitored and how much has been spent on the items listed.

Members noted that payment for the maintenance at Goosnargh Village Green will start in April. **MIN 135** Members RESOLVED to invite the City Council to the March meeting to discuss options for transferring the land and future maintenance to the Parish Council.

CUMERAGH PLAY AREA SIGN

The 2017 risk assessment recommended that the Parish Council erects a sign containing play advice and contact details for the Cumeragh Play area. The company which was approached to provide a sign has advised that they are now in a position to complete the work. **MIN 136** Members RESOLVED to accept the 2017 quote and order the sign.

The Clerk will start to make enquiries for the 2018 annual inspection which will be due at the beginning of the financial year.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Chairman confirmed that the accounts and bank statements had been reconciled.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Income receipt - Members **noted** that the Clerk applied to the LCC Parish Champion for a grant of £500 towards the Defibrillator device. The grant application was successful.

In response to a question it was confirmed that the device has been passed to the Village Hall and they will be solely responsible for its installation, maintenance and use. It is understood that they may provide a training session for residents and if they do, the Parish Council may be able to assist with the advertisement of this through the Parish Newsletter.

MIN 137 Members RESOLVED to approve the following accounts for payment

DETAILS	PAYEE	AMOUNT	CHEQUE
Clerk Salary	J Buttle	£426.47	CQ1306
Tax / National Insurance	HMRC	£78.80	CQ1307
SLCC Data Protection Course	J Buttle	£10	CQ1308
Defibrillator device and case	WEL medical	£2275.50	CQ1309

PARISH PLAN REFRESH

Members noted that a working group met to look at the existing Parish Plan and to consider the merits of producing a new document or producing a Neighbourhood Plan. (NHP)

A NHP is a Planning Policy document which identifies the needs and requirements of the Parish and considers where growth should be centred or avoided. Planning applications will be assessed in accordance with the NHP – but just like the Local Plan, officers have the final say and may approve applications which the Parish Council believes are contrary to the NHP

A Parish Plan also identifies the needs and requirements of the Parish but instead of being used to assess Planning applications, it is used by the Parish Council to justify its decisions and identify projects for inclusion on the business plan.

Members expressed a desire for a working document which identifies what we already have, analyses what developments are proposed, considers what gaps exist in the provision of facilities and services and sets clear, SMART targets on how the gaps and improvements will be addressed.

MIN 138 Members RESOLVED that the first stage was to acquire some large scale maps to plot and identify what already exists in the Parish. These have been ordered from the City Council.

CIL ITEMS

Members **noted** that

1. LCC have stated that have been unable to comment on the **solar SPID** because a manager is off sick – however they have requested more information from the manufacturer. The Clerk will ensure this is supplied.
2. Quotes have been sought for the Parish **Boundary Signs** but all 3 have not been received. The Clerk will continue to progress the matter.
3. **Taylor Wimpey** have been invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting but they have not responded. The £100 community donation has not been received either!
4. LCC have not commented on the reply regarding the **bus shelters** on Whittingham Road and LCC are yet to provide any further information about the monitoring of the **Travel Plans**. Members confirmed that they would be prepared to meet with LCC officers if a meeting can be arranged.

NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE

Members NOTED that the Homes and Communities Agency has been re-launched as Homes England and they have been in touch with Stakeholder Group to discuss the development of the Whittingham Hospital site. A new consultant team has been appointed and it appears as though a new masterplan will be drawn up for the whole site which could result in a new planning application being submitted. More information will be available at the next stakeholder meeting on the 27th February.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.15pm.**